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TAGS: PDIP (AMBASSADOR HARTMAN)

SUBJECT:

1. DELIGHTED THAT AMBASSADOR CAN INCLUDE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DOMESTIC ENGAGEMENTS IN HIS LATTER NOVEMBER TRAVEL. HERE FOLLOWS PA'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING HIS CHICAGO AND LOUISVILLE INVITATIONS. A PROPOSAL FOR A BOSTON/ PROVIDENCE PROGRAM WILL BE SENT LATER THIS WEEK.

2. SINCE TELCON BETWEEN CAHILL/SETTLE ON 9/1, THE CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS ASKED PA TO EXPLORE ALTERNATE DATES WITH AMBASSADOR. CHICAGO COMMITTEE CAN HOST NOVEMBER 20 MEETING, AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, BUT PREFER EITHER TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 OR 22, IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THAT COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT, JOHN RIELLY, WILL BE RETURNED FROM ATLANTIC CONFERENCE HE WILL BE ATTENDING IN BRAZIL.

3. PROGRAM FORMAT, WHICHEVER DATE, WOULD BE OFF-THE-RECORD LUNCH FOR ABOUT 25-30 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL OPINION UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKERS ON "FISCAL POLICY AND U.S.-FRENCH RELATIONS". TWENTY MINUTES REMARKS AND TWENTY MINUTES DISCUSSION. PA WOULD ALSO EXPLORE EDITORIAL BACKGROUNDER WITH TRIBUNE OR SUN TIMES TO FOLLOW LUNCH FROM 2:30-3:30 P.M. AMBASSADOR COULD DEPART CHICAGO AT 5:10 P.M.

ARRIVING NATIONAL AT 7:50 P.M. IF HE DOES NOT WANT

EDITORIAL BACKGROUNDER, HE COULD LEAVE CHICAGO AT
3:00 P.M. ARRIVING NATIONAL AT 5:37 P.M.

4. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST TO
LOUISVILLE WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS
29TH ANNUAL MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17,
SH PLATFORM WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE,
EACH GENTLEMAN DELIVERING 20 MINUTES ON BILATERAL
RELATIONS. SPONSOR PREFERS HARTMAN AT EVENING PROGRAM
BECAUSE MAXIMUM AUDIENCE - ABOUT 500 LEADING BUSINESS-
MEN FROM LOWER OHIO VALLEY - EXPECTED AND JOINT APPEARANCE
BY DE LABOULAYE AND HARTMAN HAS MEDIA APPEAL. HOWEVER,
SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO SCHEDULE CONFLICT NOW
WITH CHICAGO AND SHOULD AMBASSADOR PREFER, SPONSORS COULD
PROVIDE LUNCHEON PLATFORM IN LIEU OF EVENING PLATFORM.
FOR LOUISVILLE DATE AMBASSADOR COULD ARRIVE MID-DAY,
OVERNIGHT AND DEPART EARLY AM NOVEMBER 18.

5. PA KNOWS AND RESPECTS BOTH CHICAGO AND LOUISVILLE
SPONSORS AND THEY OFFER GOOD OPPORTUNITIES WITH PROMISING
MEDIA DIMENSIONS. WE NEED TO CONFIRM AMBASSADOR'S

PARTICIPATION AND PREFERENCES FOR LOUISVILLE EARLIEST.
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